

# TOKEN TOPICS

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Editor

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our first meeting of the new year will be on Sunday afternoon, January 8th, from 2:00 to 4:30, at the home of Gordon and Claire Smith. It's a fact that these Smiths dwell in a cozy mobile home (and in a very neat trailer park), but don't let that worry you. Just inside their front gate is a large, comfortable meeting room, and the Smiths have arranged for us to gather there. No player piano, maybe, but there is a swimming pool in case you feel need for a mid-winter dip!

The Smith's address is 2930 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica. This is an east-west street, and is quickly reached via the Santa Monica Freeway, using the Cloverfield-26th Street turnoff. As you leave the Freeway, drive north about three blocks, make a right turn to go east again three more blocks, and that's it. You would have a hard time getting lost, but if you insist, just call their home phone: 451-2583. And by the way, be sure to bring along lots of dupes and trading stuff this time.

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LAST MEETING: The main event at our November meet was an election of new officers for 1967, with these results: President, Robert Ritterband; vice-president, Robert Carter; secretary, Elaine Willahan; and treasurer, Edward Cutler. The larger number of officers is definitely in keeping with our club's constant growth. The members also voted to have the bulk of business matters handled in the future by an Executive Board, comprised of the four elective officers, plus the immediate past president. This plan will give more time for tokens themselves during our regular sessions. The new board had its first meeting on December 4th, with all present, and started plans for future events. They also began to draft a suggested set of by-laws, to be presented soon to the membership for consideration.

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PLAN AHEAD: Regular meeting dates this year, following the January session, will be on March 12, May 7, July 9, September 10, and November 12. Each of these is on a Sunday, and they should all be entered on your appointment calendar NOW. Incidentally, it's good to learn through The Fare Box that the A.V.A. will start planning their annual conventions two years ahead. This is a change that some of us have long asked for.

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EXCITEMENT: A year of top-notch activities has been promised us for '67 by Prez Ritterband, with a special deal tentatively set for the March gathering. It involves an out-of-town jaunt by chartered bus to a really interesting spot, and at a very low cost. Families would be most welcome, and of course special tokens would be used. Hear the exciting details on this at our January meeting. If it sounds like a winner to you, give us a go-ahead. Your officers will complete the details... and then will come up with something just as good for May! (Don't you feel sorry for anyone who isn't a member of the CATTC?)



SECRET FORMULA for building a great token collection: Find out where all the tokens are and get there as fast as you can and when you get there get all the tokens you can get and then get out of there with all the tokens you got before other collectors get there and get out of you all the tokens you got after you got there! (Or something like that.)

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FOR FREE: Krause Publications has sent us a generous batch of samples of their excellent "Coins Magazine". Remember to pick up your free copy at the next meeting.

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THE TRAVELER: There isn't any doubt that our lad Roland Atwood, AVA #1, is the travelingest vecturist of them all. Since our September meeting he has made two more cross-country tours by bus, one through the northern states and New England, and then all over again throughout the south. He promises to be with us for the January session, but it won't be long before he leaves again on another major world tour. Taking off from Florida the end of February, Roland's cruise will have 47 ports of call, including places in the Carribean, the African west coast, North Africa and Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Russia, the Balkans, Italy and France. He says that by then he will have seen every spot on earth except the South Pole! This is to be Roland's seventh global jaunt, and he claims that it will definitely be the last... but we wonder. At any rate, we sure wish he could tuck us into his luggage somewhere!

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ANOTHER NEW PAIR: Before the old year ended, we had the pleasure of receiving two more out-of-state collectors into our club. First was Paul Targonsky of Meriden, Conn., who has been a vecturist long enough to hold A.V.A.'s membership #34. The other man is Jack R. Smith, A.V.A. #810, from New Palestine, Indiana. We welcome both of them, and can only hope that they have a chance to attend some meetings soon in person. In the meantime, please get acquainted by mail if you don't already know Jack or didn't meet Paul during our recent convention.

You are welcome also, and we do mean you! This club, which has been going since 1957, never has had any formalities about joining up. Any vecturist, whether living in "The Golden State" or not, may participate simply by sending in his annual dues of one dollar. We consider ourselves a very active and alive bunch; just ask anyone who attends our meetings, or even -- may we say -- our conventions. If you'd like to get in on CATTG activities, please write us soon. Our secretary's address is given in the next paragraph, and the president's is: 6576 Colgate Ave., Los Angeles 90048.

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DOOZERD00: That's right, dues are due! Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of our treasury. This month Secretary Elaine will be looking for your annual contribution of a dollar to keep our affairs running smoothly... and to keep the "Token Topics" coming to you regularly. If you cannot attend the next meeting, be sure to mail in your dues without delay. Just "pass the buck" now to Elaine Willahan, 516 W. 99th Street, Los Angeles 90044. She'll see that your new membership card gets back to you promptly, and with our thanks!

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FINAL WORD: Maybe you are one who doesn't like freeway driving. If so, the Smith's home is reached just as readily by driving west on either Olympic Blvd. or Santa Monica Blvd. From Olympic you turn off on 26th Street also. From Santa Monica Blvd. make a left turn at Stanford Street and go south two blocks. You'll bump right into the place!



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**IT'S TRAVEL TIME:** How would you like a trip to Paris, France? Well, so would we... but in the meantime, let's make it to Perris, California instead. By now most everyone should know that this is where the ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM is located, and that our club is set to hold its next meeting there, on Sunday, March 12th.

From our special bulletin you learned most of the details on this outing, so we won't use up space repeating it all here. (Please call the President or Secretary in a hurry if you are missing that issue.) Just let it be said now that we have chartered a deluxe Greyhound bus for the 160-mile round trip, and that at this writing there is only a small handful of seats remaining. Originally we believed that it was all sold out, but since a few of our southern area families plan to drive direct to Perris, we can still handle a limited number of latecomers. (Here again we say: "Hurry up", if you want to get in on this very pleasant gathering.)

Contrary to earlier plans, we will NOT leave from the Greyhound terminal. Instead the departure will be from the L.A. County Museum parking lot, in Exposition Park, at 900 Exposition Blvd. This lot is about midway between Figueroa Street and Vermont Avenue, and is well-known to parking token collectors as the source of Calif. PT's #3450-AA and AG. The gates will be open all day Sunday, with tons of free parking for all.

Now, don't be late! The bus will leave promptly at 11:00 a.m.— and we expect to be back no later than five in the afternoon. If you have any question or problem on getting to the departure point, please contact one of our officers right away. We'll help you work things out! This will be a wonderful outing, and we feel sure that everyone will enjoy it. The only ones we feel sorry for are those who cannot or do not participate with us on that certain day.

**NEW TOKENS:** One of the features of the Perris jaunt is that our club will inaugurate a brand new transportation token at the Trolley Museum. The tokens are enroute now from the Chicago manufacturer, and our bus load of vecturists will be the first persons to use them. The tokens will have a value of 25¢ each, and the cost of one token for each person in our party has been figured into the low, non-profit price of the outing. Collectors desiring extra copies should buy them from the Museum; our club will not have any for sale. The New Issues Service of the A.V.A. will also be distributing copies later to their subscribers, but no one will profit on this issue except the Museum.

\*\*\* By special arrangement with the Trolley Museum officials, all in our group who use their tokens on the very first ride will have same returned to them as a souvenir. This offer is limited to one token and one ride per person, and we thank Mr. Von Nordeck and his fellows for this gesture.

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Several of the travellers signed up for our charter bus are not token collectors at all, but are "juice fans" instead. They are members of the Electric Railway Historical Association, and are going along on our trip just to share in the fun. Look for them, please, and share your fellowship with them, because they are nice folks even if they're not vecturists! Last month your president and vice-president attended a meeting of the group, and heard Prof. Hilton speak on "Cable Railways". Before leaving, we talked with their officials about a joint meeting between our two associations, maybe some time in the fall.



NEWS FLASHES: On the front page of this issue, we got so excited about the planned trip to the Trolley Museum, no space was left for any general news of our hobby. And there's always plenty! For one thing, it should be mentioned that our C.A.T.T.C. has welcomed eight new members since the last "Token Topics". There are three Smiths: Edward, Arthur and Claire. (The first two are related, but Claire "relates" only to Gordon!) Next are Robert Veldman of Oakland, Wayne Bamford from La Jolla, Rev. Donald Macinnes of Placentia, and Kingsley Huggett, Los Angeles. And finally another out-of-state member in Robert Misdorn of Bayonne, N.J. We extend a hearty welcome to all these fine folks, and a sincere thanks to them for joining our fold. We now total 60 members, which again is a long way from the handful we used to count. By the way, we hope everyone likes the latest membership cards, with our newly adopted Omnibus insignia. (You had better like them... we now have a stock on hand for several years!)

NEW CLUBS: In The Fare Box we read recently of new token groups in Philadelphia, Omaha and Montreal. Now comes word from several Northern California members that a get-together has been scheduled in Oakland on the twelfth of March, the same day many of us will be out in Perris. There are plenty of collectors scattered through the Bay area. If they really decide to begin a new club, we send our best wishes, plus an offer to be helpful in any way possible. Regional clubs will always mean greater strength for the A.V.A. itself.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT: When you are tempted to miss a club meeting and you feel that the absence of just one member won't make much difference, you put the officers in the same spot as a fellow trying to type a bulletin with one key missing. Sure, the folks can make some changes, just as we have done; but the results will NEVER be the same, will they? Why not think about that, pal?

THOSE OTHER GUYS: The first part of February saw another annual convention of the Numismatic Assn. of So. Calif. taking place at the Staler Hotel. Many people say that this event is one of the biggest in the nation. And it was very easy to find plenty of vectorists on hand, too, with several reporting that they had acquired some nice token finds for their collections. Harold Schmal, our only CATTTC member in Phoenix, gave his opinion that there were enough of us present to have staged a conclave of our own. It's something to think about for future years. Robert Carter, our veep and frequent tokens exhibitor, picked up a first, a second, and a third place cup for his handsome entries in three different divisions. Great!

PARKING TOKENS SUPPLEMENT: Just as this bulletin was being "put to bed", we received an advance copy of the Texas Area Vectorists' new supplement to the Parking Token Catalogue. Under the editorship of Maurice Murdock, these folks have done a splendid and needed job. Consisting of about 60 pages (same size as the original) and with about 60 illustrations, it makes a valuable addition for any PT collectors. The supplement sells for \$1.50 postpaid, with all proceeds going to the T.A.V.A. Better order yours soon from T. M. Murdock, P.O. Box 411, Mesquite, Texas 75149.

AND IN CLOSING: Your editor hasn't seen Kenneth Smith's new Foreign Catalogue yet, but those who have report it's a real winner. Ken is planning to bring some sample copies to the Trolley Museum outing, so be prepared! Okay, then, we'll see you on Sunday morning, March 12th, at about 10:45. Don't miss the bus!



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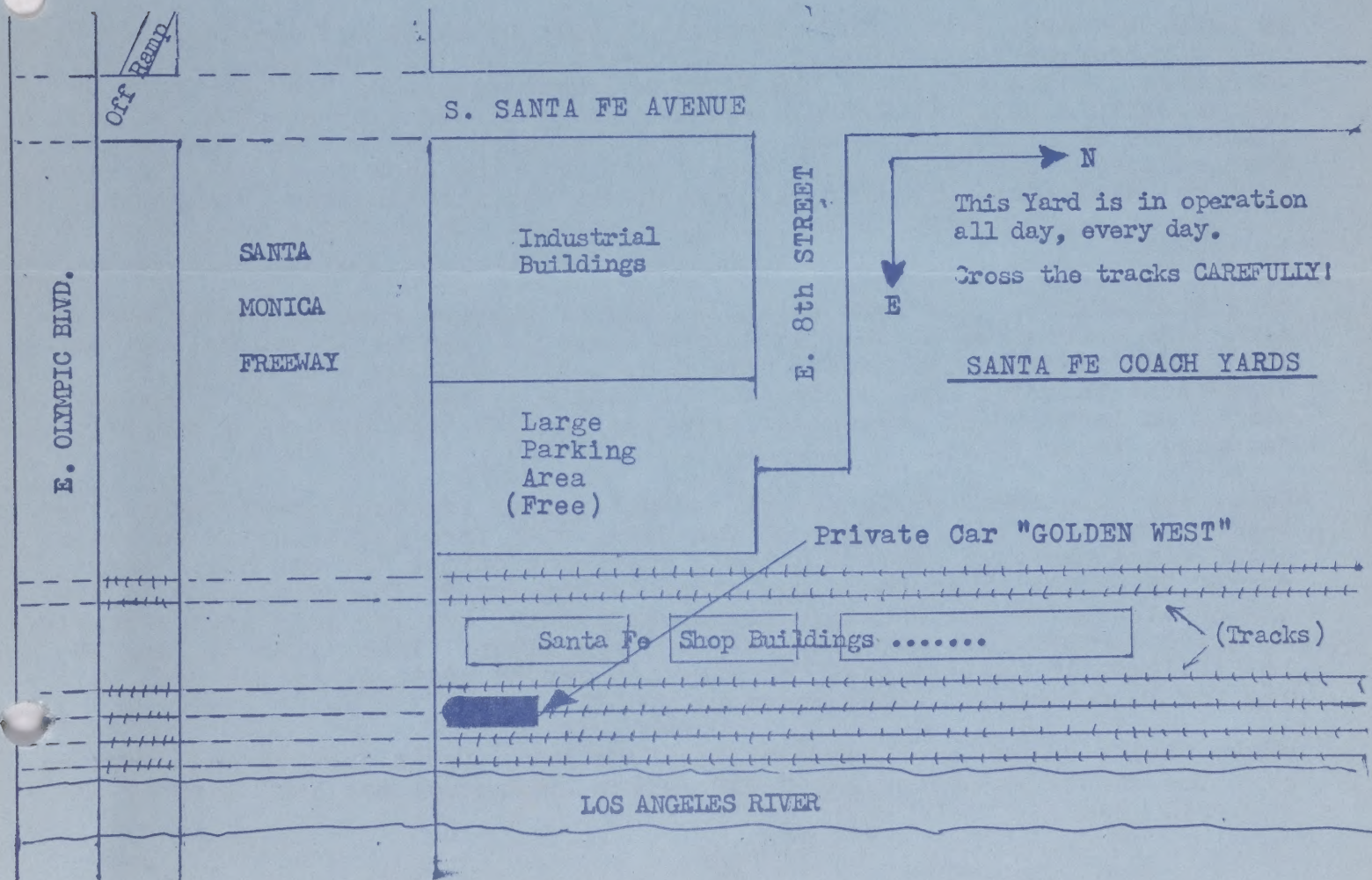
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SANTA FE- All the Way! Or in other words, please consider yourself officially notified that our next club meeting will once again be aboard the private car, "Golden West", in the Santa Fe Coach Yards, Los Angeles. Ever since we first met there about two years ago, members have been asking for a return visit. This is it!

The meeting date is Sunday afternoon, May 7th, from 1:30 to 4:30. (Remember that to avoid any conflict with Mother's Day events, we gather this month on the first Sunday.) The private car provides us an unusual spot, in complete comfort, and right in the midst of many train traffic activities. It's real fun for transportation fans! However, one restriction has to be kept in mind this year. Because of changes in Santa Fe safety regulations, attendance at this meeting must be limited strictly to CATTG members. For this time only, we will have to forego any guest invitations. Also, children are no longer permitted in these train yards.

The coach yards are on East 8th Street, a half-block east of Santa Fe Avenue. It is a dead-end street, with a large parking area on the right hand side. The Santa Monica Freeway crosses directly over the yards, with the "Golden West" parked right under the freeway span. (There is an eastbound off-ramp from the freeway at Santa Fe Avenue, but none close by for westbound traffic.) Look for that handsome orange-and-silver private car; look for plenty of collector-members to be on hand; and look for another great chance to swap tokens and fine fellowship! Plenty of coffee and cold drinks, too.





LAST MEETING: Our club outing in March to the Orange Empire Trolley Museum at Perris, Calif. was reported to all AVA members in the Fare Box for that month. However, only a bare outline of facts could be told there. The total pleasure of the occasion, enjoyed by 37 CATTG members and guests, is beyond words.

Without exception, everyone reported having had a great time. In fact before the day was over, several members already began to talk about a repeat club visit in another year or so. The chartered bus was comfortable, the catered hot lunches really hit the spot, and the chance to look over all that rolling equipment at the Museum was fully popular. Trolley officials cooperated nicely in our plans to inaugurate the new token (Calif. 640-A), and have since sold quite a few to various collectors.

This was a non-profit venture for our club, in fact we ran somewhat less than even on the deal. Several unforeseen items boosted our costs beyond what was budgeted, so that we would have done better if we had charged each participant just a bit more. Even so, your officers have heard no complaints ..... so maybe we really will do it all over again one of these days.

TWO NEW MEMBERS: Since our last bulletin, we have had the pleasure of adding another pair of members to our roster. One is ED McCLUNG, of Riverside, Calif., who operates a well-known coin collectors' service at San Clemente. The other newcomer is JOSEPH ALLIS, vice president of the Northeast Vecturist Assn., and a very enthusiastic collector that many of us enjoyed meeting last summer at the Disneyland convention. His home base is New York City, and his special interest in tokens is the celluloid and vulcanite varieties. Convention color photos are another strong point with Allis, as our members can verify again at this next club meeting. A royal welcome to both of these fine gentlemen!

AN EXCELLENT JOB: Every CATTG member can take pride in a tremendous job recently brought to a successful conclusion by one of our own. We refer, of course, to the excellent new Foreign Tokens catalogue brought forth by former CATTG president, Kenneth Smith. For many and many a month Ken had labored on this project, often with big obstacles and problems that would have stopped a less determined soul. Now that the book is finally in collectors' hands, and the sincere compliments for its handsome results are pouring in, we too want to add congratulations. In a single word, Ken, it is superb!

SOME SUPPLEMENTS: Our last bulletin told of the new Parking Tokens supplement just introduced by the Texas Area Vecturist Assn.\* If you collect in this classification, you would have a hard time finding a better \$1.50 investment than for this handbook. It totals 54 pages, with 65 illustrations, no less! Send your order promptly to T. M. Murdock, P.O. Box 411, Mesquite, Texas 75149.

Comes now Supplement #3 to Atwood's Catalogue of Transportation Tokens. As before, this one is a project of the NEVA, with free distribution to their established members. Anyone joining that club during '67 can buy a copy for \$1.25, while non-members may order theirs for \$1.75. This book is not illustrated as is the Parking Tokens supplement, but yet is mighty valuable to any collector, for the many new listings given. Time flies by, and it is difficult to realize that the Atwood's second edition has now been in use for 40 months.... since November, 1963!

WELL, that's enough of these ramblings for now. Let's just be sure that we have the chance to greet each CATTG member on Sunday, May 7th, down by the railroad tracks!



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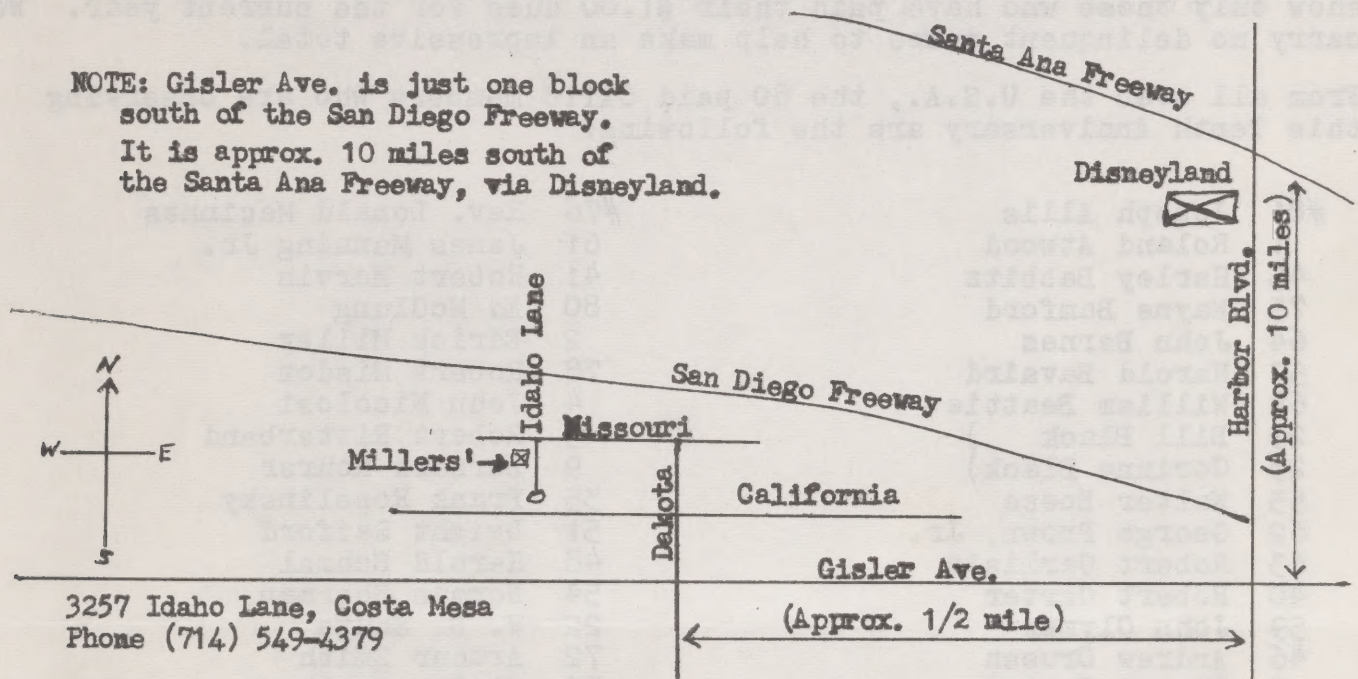
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Editor

NEXT MEETING: It's summer again, and what better reason for enjoying a backyard session once more at the home of Edrick and Pat Miller in Costa Mesa. This will be on Sunday afternoon, July 9th, from 2:00 until about 4:30 or so. Don't miss it!

Those who were there for our last gathering just two years ago will agree that this is indeed a pleasant spot for a club meeting. Why, the state highway planners have even extended the San Diego Freeway practically to the Millers' yard, just to make things better for us. If you were not "among those present" last time, here is a roadmap... along with their phone number if you become more confused than helped by such a layout. Allow about 45 minutes from the central Los Angeles area, and be sure to let our secretary or president know early if you don't care to drive down by yourself. Share-the-rides can be arranged!

NOTE: Gisler Ave. is just one block south of the San Diego Freeway. It is approx. 10 miles south of the Santa Ana Freeway, via Disneyland.



OTHER MEETINGS still to come this year are: Sunday, September 10th at Bob Ritterband's home, and Sunday, November 12th at Elaine Willahan's.

LAST MEETING: As planned, our meeting for May was held on board the luxurious private railroad car, "Golden West", spotted in the midst of the Santa Fe coach yards in Los Angeles. There was the usual amount of busy activity in the yards, plus several transcontinental streamliners passing through that afternoon. All together, we had quite a chance to see some rolling stock actually do a bit of rolling.

A total of 14 members were on hand for the session. (Railroad regulations prevented the inviting of any families or guests this time.) It was suggested that our club consider chartering this private car for a visit to San Diego next summer, during the national A.N.A. convention there. Your officers will check into the possibility of such an outing.



NOW WE ARE TEN! This month marks the tenth anniversary of our club; years that have been filled with good growth, lots of exciting token acquisitions, and unlimited fine fellowship among our members. We have sponsored two excellent AVA conventions in Southern California, and now number about 10% of all the AVA members on our rolls.

It was in July 1957 that five local collectors: Roland Atwood, Edward Cutler, Edrick Miller, Kenneth Smith and Emzy Thompson, met to form the "California Vecturist Association". Three other regional clubs were already in existence: Seattle, then ten years old, and a year older than the AVA itself; the Midwest club in Minneapolis, and the Pittsburgh group.

By the time of the second meeting, Thompson had withdrawn (he has since passed away), and the club name was changed to the "Association of California Transportation Token Collectors". Several years later the first two words of this title were reversed, because the name seemed to imply that we collected tokens of California only. So here it is, 63 meetings later, and the "Founding Four" are still among our staunchest supporters.

This club differs from some of the other local groups in two viewpoints: (1) We accept into membership individual collectors only. There are no organizations belonging to our organization. (2) Our membership lists show only those who have paid their \$1.00 dues for the current year. We carry no delinquent names to help make an impressive total.

From all over the U.S.A., the 60 paid CATTC members who are observing this Tenth Anniversary are the following:

#81	Joseph Allis	#76	Rev. Donald Macinnes
1	Roland Atwood	61	James Manning Jr.
45	Harley Babbitz	41	Robert Marvin
75	Wayne Bamford	80	Ed McClung
64	John Barnes	2	Edrick Miller
57	Harold Bavaird	78	Robert Misdorn
68	William Beattie	4	John Nicolosi
23	Bill Black )	5	Robert Ritterband
23	Corinne Black )	9	Bernard Rohrer
55	Walter Boese	35	Frank Roselinsky
62	George Brown, Jr.	51	Dwight Safford
63	Robert Carlisle	48	Harold Schmal
40	Robert Carter	54	Norman Sherman
59	John Clymer	22	W. D. Shupe
46	Andrew Crusen	72	Arthur Smith
3	Edward Cutler	73	Claire Smith
17	Daniel DiMichael	71	Edward Smith
67	Donald Duke	6	F. Gordon Smith
53	James Dunlap	70	Jack Smith
49	Duane Feisel	18	Kenneth Smith
16	Ralph Freiberg	15	Robert Smith
36	Walter Fritzche	34	Franklin Snyder
19	William Gallagher	7	Michael Super
58	Fred Glaze	37	Edward Tarantino
43	George Gould	69	Paul Targonsky
66	Eric Gray	12	George Ticknor
65	Leslie Hawthorne	77	John Trembley
52	Amos House	74	Robert Veldman
79	Kingsley Huggett	42	Elaine Willahan
47	Robert Kubach		



**DISTINGUISHED MEMBER:** As part of the CATTG tenth anniversary observance, our officers have decided to inaugurate a practice of formally recognizing the role played by various members in the club's fine growth. Once every two years, according to present plans, the officers will select for the "Distinguished Member Award" one individual whom they deem has done the most during that period to further the club's purposes and achievements. There will be few rules for making their choice, other than a feeling that repeat winners and current officers should be eliminated from consideration.

The first selection of a member has already been made. He will be named publicly during the coming meeting, and presented with a suitable memento of the occasion. Better be on hand to share this fun and to honor the winner. It could very easily be YOU!

**WANT ADS:** As you know, "Token Topics" does not carry advertising, as do some club bulletins. We think that the AVA "Fare Box" does an excellent job in this field. Instead, from time to time we have had news items of token transactions, which have been quite worthwhile for our members. Such an occasion is that of our newest club member, Joseph Allis of New York City. His recent purchase of a large part of the Clarence Heppner collection has provided him with quite a few duplicates among some of the scarcer tokens. Better get in touch with Allis promptly if you have long been nursing any special want lists. Maybe you can be as fortunate as this writer, who obtained seven long-sought California items from him, plus about ten from other states.

Joseph's collection features scarce celluloid and vulcanite tokens, mostly from a bygone era. He reports that in the Heppner deal he obtained twelve "census" tokens, (those where ten or less are known to exist), for his collection. Of these he got four from Pennsylvania in which only three or less are known to exist. Quite a purchase!

**CONGRATS:** Our good member, Harold Bavaird, is receiving plaudits on all sides for the excellent task he performed recently for C.O.I.N. Being president of that organization (Council of International Numismatics), Hal served as general chairman for their fourth annual convention, held late in June at the Los Angeles International Hotel. Visitors to the educational events, the exhibits and the bourse included quite a number of CATTG members. Because of the international flavor of the gathering, we noticed quite a demand there for Ken Smith and his new catalogue of foreign tokens. We also took good note of Hal's fine results, and will certainly know who to call upon the next time our club considers inviting the AVA convention to visit our area again.

**BY THE WAY:** The International Hotel mentioned above is directly across the street from the L.A. International Airport. In spite of what you might see in other publications, both are very much within the city limits of Los Angeles. Some out-of-towners apparently have concluded that the airport is located in Inglewood, a pleasant little city a mile or so northeast of the runways. But what would Los Angeles city officials think of this, after having spent some 2½ billion dollars of our tax money over the past twenty-four years to construct the gigantic layout, plus an average of 36 million dollars per year to maintain it???



DENNIS THE MENACE

HANK KETCHAM



"He collects 'em for a hobby. When ya waste money an' don't feel bad about it, that's called a hobby."

Believe it or not, there are some folks who dare insinuate that this attitude should also apply to us Vecturists!



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**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** Before you leave town for any Labor Day weekend, be sure to mark a big circle around the following Sunday, which will be September 10th. It's the date of our next CATTC meeting, and you certainly won't want to miss out! All of our sessions this year have been full and exciting, and that afternoon should be no exception.

Once again we gather at the home of Robert Ritterband, in the Wilshire district of Los Angeles. In case you weren't among those present a year ago, the address is 6576 Colgate Avenue, not far from the famed Farmers' Market. Driving on Wilshire Boulevard, you turn north on Fairfax Avenue about a half mile to Colgate, and then west for three long blocks. If you need more details-- or manage to get lost enroute-- the phone number is 938-4504. Call Secretary Elaine soon if you want any ride sharing.

**TENTH ANNIVERSARY:** The 63rd consecutive meeting of this Association also marked our Ten Year milestone-- and marked it well! The meeting was on Sunday afternoon, July 9th, in the home and garden of the Edrick Millers, in Costa Mesa, Calif., with our biggest turnout yet. We had no less than 22 members on hand, plus enough wives and kids to bring the total to 30 or more. This membership turnout represented more than one-third of our total, and was the largest gathering of token collectors ever held in California, other than during the two AVA conventions. The quantity of tokens and trade checks that changed hands that afternoon would be far beyond counting; we can only feel sorry for those collectors who had to miss this meeting.

One of the day's features was naming the winner of our first Distinguished Member Award. This had been established recently by the Executive Board to honor some member (but not an officer) who had done most during the preceding two years to further our Association purposes and effort. A veteran in our ranks, William Gallagher, was chosen by the Board as first honoree, based on his generous and spontaneous donation early last year of two valuable tokens towards our '66 convention fund. Unfortunately his work kept Gallagher from being at this meeting to hear the inspiring citation which outlined his value as a member. President Ritterband said that the letter would be mounted into a permanent wall plaque, for direct presentation soon to the winner. (The latest word is that Bill can probably get to the September gathering, where we can all repeat our applause for this friend.)

As a finale to the big day, a decorated and inscribed 10th Birthday Cake was set out, along with the Millers' customary excellent refreshments. Numerous pictures were taken of the crowd, with emphasis on three of the Four Founders who were present: Roland Atwood, Edrick Miller, and Kenneth Smith. (If only Eddie Cutler could have been there too!) And so, we will look for all of them, and all of you, on our Twentieth!

**FINAL MEETING** for this year is to be at Elaine Willahan's home on Sunday, November 12th. You might as well mark that now on your calendar, too. During our November meeting we traditionally elect officers for the next year. Better plan ahead to be there if you want to "throw the rascals out"..... and then elect some new rascals!



TWO MORE: Looking back over the first six issues of "Token Topics", we notice that each time there have been two or more new members to introduce since the previous bi-monthly report. It's the same story this time!

The first new collector you should meet is IRENE SMITH, the wife of our good member, Edward, and the mother of equally good member, Arthur. We first became acquainted with the Smiths shortly before last year's conclave at Disneyland. The youngest Smith was the only collector then, but managed to bring his folks along to the convention, all driving downstate from Santa Rosa, Calif. Almost at once, father Ed decided to start collecting too, and now it's a threesome. Recently these Smiths moved to the town of Ventura, here in Southern California, but they insist that the chance to attend more CATTC meetings wasn't their only reason. (And if you didn't count lately, our 60-odd members now includes nine Smiths!)

The other new member was introduced to us by mail just this week, and he isn't a Californian... yet! Thru the sponsorship of Norman Sherman, we welcome to the roll-call CLANCY RIGGS, of La Grande, Oregon. Here's a hope that he, too, can be with us in person some time soon.

Now a note of sadness: The very day our last bulletin was mailed out, we received word that George Brown Jr. had passed away at La Mesa, Calif. Poor health had not permitted George to attend meetings often since he joined our group last year. Those who had the chance to get better acquainted with him this spring at the Perris outing found him to be a fine gentleman, and one who will be truly missed. As a mark of respect, our Executive Board ordered a donation from club funds to the Heart Foundation at UCLA in memory of George Brown Jr.

Getting out a club bulletin might be fun, but it's no picnic.

If we have jokes, people say we're darn silly;

If we don't, they claim we are too serious.

If we copy items from other sources, we sure are lazy;

If we don't, we're too fond of our own material.

If we print members' comments, the pages would be jammed;

If we don't, then we do not appreciate true genius.

Most likely some one will say we swiped this from another publication.

Well, we did!

SOME COMMENTS: These lines are being written during the last few days of August. Since early in the month, your editor has had numerous phone calls and letters from members wanting news of the recent AVA convention at Minneapolis. But, with one major exception, we haven't heard much of what went on either! Evidently no one attended from Southern California, though our club was represented by that enthusiastic New Yorker, Joseph Allis, and probably other out-of-state members too.

Joseph wrote a report-letter to all of us, which describes his full enjoyment at the gathering. The letter is too long to give on these pages, so we plan to read it aloud at our coming meeting. A half-dozen years ago it was my good fortune to attend the previous Twin Cities convention; their hospitality is beyond compare!

As for facts and figures, we'll just have to wait until the August issue of "The Fare Box", which is promised some time after September 15th. Hard-working editor John Coffee is surely entitled to an annual respite from his labors, though it certainly would be for the good of all if some guest editor occasionally helped out, as happened last year.



# TOKEN TOPICS

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FINAL MEETING of the club year will be on Sunday afternoon, November 12, from 2:00 until 5:00, at the home of Elaine Willahan, 516 W. 99th Street, Los Angeles 90044. It is near Figueroa Street and Century Blvd., and the phone number is 755-2708. Elaine's place is very convenient to the Harbor Freeway, which should make it easy for all to find. (We were going to tell you just to look for all those telephone poles in the yard, but she had them cut up for firewood. Maybe they weren't some new kind of hobby collecting, after all.) At any rate, her hospitality is beyond compare!

November is our election month; please give this subject your best thought. It has been our custom for those present at this meeting to cast personal votes, and without any prior nominations procedure. Just be sure that any member you suggest will be willing and able to serve us. Current elected officers are: Robert Ritterband, president; Robert Carter, vice president; Elaine Willahan, secretary; and Edward Cutler, treasurer. (Past president Edrick Miller is also part of our Executive Board.) Each of the officers has stated a willingness to serve another term now if named. It's up to you to decide. Of course the feature event of the day, as at any of our club gatherings, will be token swapping, token buying, token selling, and just plain old tokens! See you there?

IN SEPTEMBER our meeting at Ritterband's home brought a very satisfactory turnout of 21 members, plus five family guests. It was a pleasant summer afternoon, where almost as many news items and anecdotes about tokens were exchanged as were the pieces themselves. None of the local members had attended the AVA convention a few weeks earlier, so some of the most carefully traded comments were whatever others had heard about that fine event. All in all, it was a typical, enjoyable day among vecturists.

SPEAKING OF VECTURISTS, your editor had a heart-warming experience not so long ago, when the sales manager of a local resort hotel phoned. Mostly he wanted to know if our club might sponsor another national meeting soon, and I had to tell him there was nothing in the works for some years to come. "Didn't have any idea what a Vecturist was," he said, "so I phoned the Los Angeles Public Library for help." "Bet they didn't know either," said I. "Oh, no," was his reply. "They checked some reference or other, and gave me the answer in only a minute or two." Whatever reference book they used is beyond my guessing, but the answer given him was exactly right. We are indeed famous folks!

A RECENT POSTAL from Gordon and Claire Smith, who are touring in the Rockies and at Yellowstone Park. "Cold and snow!", they report. Sure hope they get back soon, so we can have a full quota of Smiths at the coming meeting. Last month there were seven of them on hand, of our nine thus named.

SINCERE CONGRATS to the Northeast Vecturist Association (NEVA) who will celebrate their fifth anniversary just a day before our meeting. (They'll never quite catch up to our club, but then we are never going to equal the Seattle bunch either!) Under the able leadership of Ralph Hinde, NEVA is scheduling an all-day session at the Piccadilly Hotel in New York City. Really wish we could be among the many planning to be on hand!



IT'S A REAL SURPRISE to learn from The Fare Box that AVA's convention next summer actually will be held in California, somewhere in the San Francisco area. After an extended try, it had appeared that the Texans would finally get their bid honored for '68. Already we have heard from various members who had started preliminary plans to go there. Besides, it will be only two years since the previous California conclave, here at Disneyland.

The reason given for the selection, to tie in with the scheduled ANA gathering at San Diego late in August, has certain logic to it. Some members think that the two meetings should always coincide, even to the extent of using the same city and hotels. Others in our association are quite opposed to such a relationship. Several years ago this writer suggested that a careful survey be made among those frequently attending our AVA sessions, to determine with certainty the majority preference. (This was in addition to our advocating a two-year pre-selection of convention sites.) We are not aware of any such preference study being made, then or now.

The coming convention at San Francisco brings a new question for CATTC officers. As discussed at several meetings, we were working towards a club visit to San Diego at the time of the ANA event, probably going as an all day or overnight outing. But of course we all will want to give our fullest support to the AVA gathering just a week earlier in the Bay Area. Can we as a club, or even should we, attempt to go both directions? Please give our officers the benefit of your thinking on this, so the Board can prepare the best plans for the benefit of most members.

WE WELCOME this month another new member to the CATTC rolls, though he could never be considered a newcomer to token collecting. Please enter in your notes the name of Floyd "Tex" Barnett, of Minneapolis, who is a member of AVA under the venerable number of L-38. (Mighty close to being one of the charter members, you'll notice.) Floyd and his wife, Martha, were co-chairmen of the recent successful AVA convention in the Twin Cities, and your president can personally attest that they are really fine folks. Welcome, Tex, and do come visit us soon!

If you didn't hear it earlier, the Barnetts were instrumental in selling seven packets of our leftover 1966 token sets at this year's convention. Genuine thanks to them from our Board-- especially our Treasurer! (By the way, do YOU have Calif. 25-A and 105-A in your collection? If not contact Norman Sherman soon.)

WHILE ON TOKENS, it was a pleasure a couple of weeks ago to receive a new Personal Token from our member Robert Veldman, of Oakland, Calif. This is a brass piece mentioning the new museum in that city, on which Veldman is a building inspector. Collectors in this specialty can obtain one from him for 25¢ in coin, plus a stamped envelope, or those who issue like items can effect a swap.

About ten of our CATTC members are now known to be issuing personal tokens. At the start of the alphabet is Joseph Allis, with a dozen or more varieties available. Also distributing these are: John Clymer, Edward Cutler, Fred Glaze, Robert Kubach, John Nicolosi, Harold Schmal, Elaine Willahan, and now Bob Veldman. Have we skipped over anyone?

And in case you might have missed it in The Fare Box, the Edrick Miller collection of about 400 Parking Tokens is for sale. Here is a ready made chance to get into this specialty if such items interest you.